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RIVERS UNDER AIBP
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of rivers covered under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme in the States;

(b) whether the funds provided by the Union Government are fully utilized by the State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) is provided to the approved ongoing major, medium and minor irrigation projects located on various rivers of all the States.

(b)&(c) No State Government has reported that it has not utilized the funds released by Union Government as CLA. However, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in its repot number 15 of 2004 covering the period 1996-2003 has brought out that certain States have short released their share to the projects under AIBP. The Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) is released in 2 equal instalments. As per existing AIBP norms the second instalment is released only when the State Government has incurred 70 per cent expenditure of the first instalment including State share and utilization certificate is submitted. The revised guidelines effective from 1st April, 2004 provide that the State Government should ensure that the CLA released is provided to the Project Authority within fifteen days of its release by the Ministry of Finance.